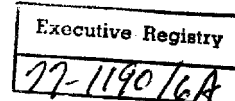




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1 August 1977

Honorable Daniel K. Inouye, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your letter dated 20 July 1977, records pertaining to Richard Pipes, Paul Nitze, and Daniel Graham were reviewed. I find that they meet the criteria for access to sensitive compartmented information as set forth in Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/14, dated 13 May 1976. Consequently, I interpose no objection to granting them access to the Committee's full A Team-B Team Report of 27 May 1977.

Both General Graham and Mr. Nitze currently hold the appropriate clearances in order to review the report. Dr. Pipes' Top Secret and compartmented clearances which he held while Chief of Team B have been reinstated. Their access should appropriately be restricted to the very brief period required to analyze the report.

In light of the unauthorized disclosures of the Team B Report, I cannot emphasize too strongly the responsibility the individuals have to refrain from discussing any aspect of the report with unauthorized persons. Your efforts to restrict and closely control access to the Committee's Report are greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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SUBJECT: Letter from DCI to Senator Inouye Regarding Clearances
for Pipes, Nitze, and Graham

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Date: 12 July 1977

TO: Admiral Turner

FROM: 

SUBJECT: A Team/B Team Letter to Sen. Stevenson

REMARKS:

Senator Stevenson asked you to comment on the SSCI's draft sanitized report on the A/B Team episode with regard to protection of sources and methods.

Bowie prepared a response which confirms no changes necessary for protection of sources and methods, but suggests some changes for clarity and accuracy, and concludes with a recommendation that the SSCI not release the document.

On the attached cover sheet Cary says any attempt to block the SSCI's release could backfire--first it is not in agreement with your "openness" posture and would represent a change in our previous agreement with the SSCI; since the report has a critical tone, you could be accused of trying to ~~mute~~ mute criticism.

Cary says if you want to suggest that the SSCI not publish, you or Bowie should handle it orally. However, he and Mr. Knoche recommend that you sign Option B of the second page of the letter--dropping Bowie's final paragraph which suggests not publishing.

You may wish to touch base with Bowie again.

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The Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Collection, Production and Quality
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Senator Stevenson:

The sanitized draft Statement on the Committee's recent report, "The National Intelligence Estimates - B Team Episode Concerning Soviet Strategic Capabilities and Objectives" has been reviewed as requested in your letter of June 15, 1977. The draft Statement does not require any changes prior to public release in order to protect intelligence methods and sources.

My letter of May 11, 1977 commenting on the classified version of the Committee's draft report, forwarded a number of suggested changes pertaining to accuracy and clarity of the report. Based on these suggestions the following changes are proposed in the unclassified Statement for reasons of accuracy and clarity.

--The penultimate sentence of the paragraph at the top of page 3 can be interpreted as implying DCI concurrence in the Committee Report and public Statement. It is suggested that the sentence be reworded as follows:

"The comments of the Director of Central Intelligence, Admiral Stansfield Turner, on the Report and the present Statement were given consideration by the Committee."

--The last sentence of the third paragraph on page 4 of the draft Statement does not accurately describe the role of the DCI in the experiment. It is suggested that the two sentences of this paragraph be revised to read as follows:

"Responding to the PFIAB initiatives, the new DCI, Mr. George Bush, consented to the experiment, and by June 1976, the PFIAB and the DCI had worked out ground rules for a competitive assessment experiment. The DCI, through his representatives, made arrangements for and monitored the experiment in accordance with these ground rules; members of the PFIAB were called upon to assist in the formation of the three B Teams and took an active role in the selection of team members."

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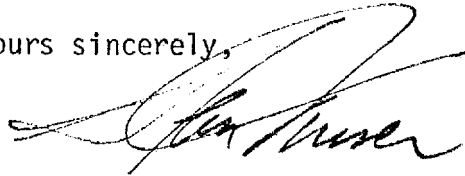
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"Because of its specified purpose and scope, the NIE does not address the question of how Soviet-strategic weapons development fits into the entire panoply of Soviet domestic, military, diplomatic, economic and other world efforts."

--With respect to the findings in the first and last paragraphs on page 7, we have no basis for any implication that political pressures affected the professional work of the B Teams or that the press leaks were attributable to them. Moreover, the last sentence of the first paragraph incorrectly indicates that those responsible for preparation of the NIE were subject to political pressures. This sentence should be changed to read:

"Not all of these requirements obtained in the case of the NIE - B Team exercise."

Yours sincerely,



STANSFIELD TURNER

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SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee, Public Statement on The National
Intelligence Estimates - B Team Episode Concerning Soviet
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"Not all of these requirements obtained in the case of the NIE - B Team exercise."

Finally, while I have appreciated having the views of the Committee on improving the preparation of national intelligence as conveyed in its classified report, I recommend that the Committee reconsider its decision to issue a public Statement on the report. I realize that at the height of the public controversy about the experiment, former DCI Bush believed it desirable publicly to dispell the concerns conveyed in the press that the experiment had undermined the integrity of the national estimative process. However, the controversy is now muted, and I believe the Statement will serve to stimulate additional tendentious debate on the estimating process, the estimating record and on current substantive issues. Also, some members of the three B-Teams may feel obliged to take public issue with the explicit and implied findings of the Committee that they were subject to or the cause of political pressure or that their views were lacking in objectivity.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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LETTER to Senator Stevenson re sanitized draft Statement on Senate Select
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee, Public Statement on The
National Intelligence Estimates - B Team Episode
Concerning Soviet Strategic Capabilities and
Objectives

1. Action Requested: Approval of the attached letter to Senator Stevenson on the draft public Statement. The letter

--confirms that the draft does not require changes to protect sources and methods,

--suggests changes for accuracy and clarity,

--recommends that the Committee reconsider its decision to issue a public Statement.

2. Background: The DCI commented on and made suggestions for changes to the final draft of the classified Committee report (attachment 2). All of the DCI suggestions were not accommodated in the final version of the Committee report (attachment 3).

3. Staff Coordination: The proposed letter to Senator Stevenson has been coordinated with the DDI, the OLC, the Director of Performance Evaluation and Improvement, IC Staff and the NIO/SP.

4. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter.

Robert R. Bowie

Attachments

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SUBJECT: Senate Select Committee, Public Statement on The National
Intelligence Estimates - B Team Episode Concerning Soviet
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1. DDCI				<p>Attached for your signature is a letter to Senator Adlai E. Stevenson (D., Ill.) regarding the proposed Senate Select Committee on Intelligence public statement on the A Team-B Team episode. The letter, prepared by the D/DCI/NL, makes some suggested changes for clarification and also argues that the Committee should not make any public release on this subject. This is a change from our past position; we previously urged the Committee to make a statement to clear the air.</p> <p>OLC defers to Dr. Bowie on the damage of a release by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence would cause. However, I believe it is a mistake to make these arguments in writing, as is done in the last paragraph of this letter. First, the Committee is under substantial pressure from some segments of the Senate to assume a more public posture. Tactically, I believe it would be difficult for the Committee to decide against releasing a statement if it appears the Committee is succumbing to DCI pressure. Hence, if you agree that we should argue against release of the statement, I would recommend that the last paragraph be deleted and that you or Dr. Bowie handcarry the letter to Senator Stevenson and express these concerns orally to him. My second concern is the strong critical tone of the report. Because we acknowledge the proposed report is unclassified, your motive for suppressing the report might be misconstrued to be an</p>
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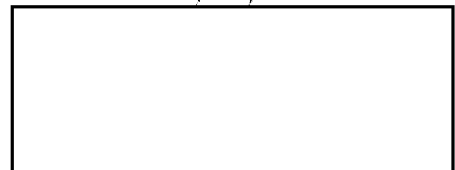
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attempt to mute criticism of the estimative process. Finally, I believe the arguments presented in the last paragraph against public discussion of these critical matters will appear inconsistent with your announced desire to let the public share in the intelligence process wherever possible.

If you agree with these points, we will retype this letter deleting the last paragraph.

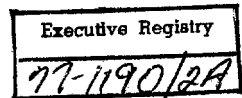


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21 JUN 1977

Honorable Adlai E. Stevenson, Chairman
Subcommittee on Collection,
Production and Quality
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have your letter (R# 8194) referring to Admiral Turner
the Committee's proposed public statement concerning the full Committee
report of the NIE-B Team exercise. Appropriate Agency components
are reviewing the draft statement to determine if any changes are
necessary to protect intelligence sources and methods. We will respond
to you on this matter as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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13 JUN 1977

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for sending a copy of the Committee report on the National Intelligence Estimates process as reflected in the NIE Team B experiment, under cover of your 24 May letter.

I believe that your Committee's comments and insights regarding this effort will be most helpful to our analysts in developing estimates which are both accurate and responsive to the needs of the users. I can assure you that we are giving them very careful consideration.

I am particularly gratified by the cooperative spirit displayed by the Committee in permitting us to comment on the draft report and in its consideration of our suggestions.

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

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3 May 1977

Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, Chairman
Subcommittee on Collection, Production
and Quality
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Reference: R# 7638

Dear Senator Stevenson:

Admiral Turner has asked my office to coordinate his comments on your thoughtful study, "Report on the National Intelligence Estimates-B Team Episode Concerning Soviet Strategic Capabilities and Objectives." As you are well aware, this is a very complex subject which requires us to exercise the same care in commenting as you and your staff used in drafting the report.

I am sorry to say that we will not be able to have the Director's comments to you by the time the Committee meets on 4 May. We will send them as soon as possible. I would hope that the full Committee will not act on this report until it has had time to study the Director's comments.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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Robert R. Bowie
Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

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Letter to Senator Adlai E. Stevenson, Chairman of Subcommittee on
Collection, Production and Quality
RE: "Report on the National Intelligence Estimates-B Team Episode
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Executive Secretary
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Please prepare DCI response.

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